has also been included in the Budget 1987-88 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 14.95 crores. An outlay of Rs. 1 50 crores has been provided for this work during 1987-88.

Steel Foundry for manufacture of additional co-co bogies at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is also being expanded at a total cost of Rs 401.90 lakhs Anticipated expenditure upto 31-3-87 on this work is Rs. 87.64 lakhs. An outlay of Rs. 127.91 lakhs has been provided for the works.

Traffic Handled at Major Ports

2559. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total traffic handled at major ports has increased considerably during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The increase in traffic handled at major ports during the last three years, is given below:—

Year	Total traffic handled in Major Ports (in million tonnes)
984-85	106.7
985-86	120.0
986-87	124.2

Construction of Kamareddi-Jedcharia Road on Natonal Highway No. 7

2560. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state by when the sanctioned work on the 148 kilometre long Kamareddi on Jedcharia Road in Andhra Pradesh on National Highway No. 7 is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Contracts for works in this section have been accepted by the State Government. Construction is likely to commence shortly.

High Power Committee on the Recommendation on Chattopadhyaya Commission

2561. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a High Power Committee was set up to study and advise Government on the recommendations of the National Commission on Teachers-I headed by Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya;

(b) what is the gist of the advise given by the Committee vis-a-vis pay scales of Central teachers;

(c) whether the advice negates, modifies, or approves of the Chattopadhyaya Commissions recommendations in this regard, and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) An Empowered Committee was appointed to advise the Government on the recommendations made by National Commission on Teachers. I headed by Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya Based on the recommendations of the Empowered Committee concerning payscales. revised pay-scales for the scholor teachers working in Union Territories and the Central autonomous bodies have been announced on 12-8-87. While revising the pay scales, the recommendations of NCT-I advice of the Empowerer Committee thereon and the postulates of National Policy on Education 1986 were kept in view. The revised payscales would ensure that each teacher would get a benefit of at least Rs. 100—150 per month as recommended by NCT-1.

Eye donation and the removal facility

2562. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister

of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people afflicted with one form or other of visual impairment vary from 45 to 55 millions and the number of eye Specialists is not even a fifth of those required to treat them;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to increase the number of eye specialists in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that number of eyes donated by dead persons was only 2600;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to spread the message of eye donations by impressing the people the "twice blessedness" of eye donations; and

(e) whether Government propose to enact a legislation for enabling the removal of eyes from unclaimed bodies in mortuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A survey conducted by I.C.M.R. in 1971-73 estimated that 9 million persons were blind in the country and another 45 million were afflicted with one form or other of visual impairment. The number of Eye Specialists in the country are considered adequate for the existing requirements.

(b) Between 275 and 300 eye specialists are being trained in the country every year by nearly 100 Medical Training Institutions.

(c) As per information available 2617 eyes were collected from the bodies of dead persons during 1985.

(d) The Government through the mass media like Radio. Television, film shows and with the assistance of Voluntary Organisations are creating the awareness amongst people to donate their eyes after death. Printed literature, folders, posters, etc. have also been prepared for distribution.

(e) A Central Act has already been enacted for the Union Territory of Delhi. A copy of the Act has also been forwarded to the State Governments requesting them to consider enacting similar legislation in their States.

Legal Proceedings Initiated by Jawaharlal Nehru University

2563. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and details of the cases in which legal proceedings were initiated during the year 1983-87 in Jawaharlal Nehru University; and

(b) the total expenditure, case-wise, incurred by the University so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, no legal proceedings were initiated against anyone by the University during the period 1983—87.

(b) Does not arise.

Bonus to RTP Staff

2564. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not paying bonus to Reserved Trained Pool staff of P&T department;

(b) the reasons for not granting "paid holiday" to RTP staff after seven working days; where as this principle is applicable to temporary daily wages staff; and

(c) whether RTP staff of the P&T department are governed by all the rules and regulations of the Department as applicable to the regular/casual employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Reserved Trained Pool Staff of the Departments of Posts